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Begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the 15th Day of *May* 1760, and concluded the 26th Day of the said Month.

The King's Commission to *Charles* Lord *Cathcart*, produced, and ordered to be recorded,

Edinburgh, May 15th, 1760, Sess. 1st.

THE General Assembly of this National Church being conveened and constituted, there was produced to them, by the Right Honourable *Charles* Lord *Cathcart*, the King's Commission, sealed with the Seal, appointed by the Treaty of Union to be kept and used in *Scotland*, in Place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, making and constituting him his Majesty's High Commissioner and Representative in this Assembly; which being publicly read with all due Honour and Respect, was ordered to be recorded in the Books of Assembly, the Tenor whereof follows, *viz.*

GEORGIUS

GEORGIUS Dei gratia magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ et Hiberniæ Rex, fidei defenſor: Omnibus probis hominibus, ad quos præſentes literæ noſtræ pervenerint, ſalutem. Quandoquidem nos conſiderantes, quod generalis eccleſiæ Scotiæ conventus, in decimum quintum diem menſis Maii inſtantis convenire, ordinatus fuit: Noſq. etiam abunde cupidi, quin etiam neceſſarium eſſe judicantes, in commodum dict. eccleſiæ, ut idem generalis eccleſiæ conventus, die ſtatuto, debite obſervetur; atq. rebus magni momenti nos alio vocantibus, dict. conventui perſonaliter intereſſe nequimus: noſque abunde ſatisfacti, de ſufficientia et fidelitate fideliſſimi et dilectiſſimi noſtri conſanguinei, CAROLI domini CATHCART, quod ad ſummum munus poſtea mentionat. rite excercendum et obeundum, uſq. quaq. ſit inſtructus et idoneus: Noveritis igitur nos nominaſſe, conſtituiſſe, et ordinaſſe, ſicuti tenore præſentium nominamus, conſtituimus, et ordinamus, memoratum CAROLUM dominum CATHCART, ſupremum noſtrum Commiſſionarium, ad effectum poſtea mentionat. dando pariter et concedendo illi pleniſſimam noſtram poteſtatem, commiſſionem et warrantum, ſacram noſtram perſonam et authoritatem regalem repræſentandi, nec non præſentiam noſtram ſupplendi, et locum noſtrum in dicto ſubſequenti generali conventu, tanquam Commiſſionario noſtro, in hunc effectum ſpecialiter conſtitut. tenendi; omniaque alia ad imperium et munus Commiſſionarii pro generali eccleſiæ conventu peragendi, tam plene adeoque libere in quovis reſpectu, quam quilibet alius ejuſdem ſummi muneris fecerat, ſeu quovis tempore præterito facere potuerat, vel ac ſi nos ipſi perſonaliter præſentes facere potuerimus: Quæque omnia et ſingula ab antedicto CAROLO domino CATHCART, in hac noſtra commiſſione proſequenda legitime fecerit, ſeu fieri ordinaverit, nos firmiter approbamus, et habituri ſumus. Omnibus et ſingulis inſuper ante dictæ eccleſiæ et conventus Paſtoribus et Presbyteris, cæteriſq. quibuſcunque, infra illam partem magnæ Britanniæ Scotiam vocat. ſubditis noſtris cujuſcunque gradus ſeu qualitatis, ut dictum CAROLUM dominum CATHCART, tanquam ſupremum noſtrum Commiſſionarium, quoad effectum et modum ſupra mentionat. revereantur, agnoſcant, et dicto ipſius audientes ſe præbeant, ſtricte mandamus et imperamus. Atq. hanc noſtram commiſſionem a dict. decimo quinto die Maii inſtantis incipere, et deinceps hac ſubſequente ſeſſione dict. generalis conventus in vigore continuare declaramus, vel uſque dum a nobis revocabitur et exonerabitur. In cujus rei teſtimonium, ſigillum noſtrum per unionis tractatum cuſtodiend. et in Scotia vice et loco magni ſigilli ejuſdem utend. ordinat. præſentibus appendi mandavimus. Apud aulam noſtram apud Kingſintoun primo die menſis Maii anno Domini milleſimo

mo septingentesimo sexagesimo regnique nostri anno trigesimo tertio.

Per signaturam manu S. D. N. regis suprascript.

Sealed at *Edinburgh* this fourteenth Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and sixty Years. Signed *Archibald Campbell*

Written to the Seal, and registered the fourteenth Day of *May* One thousand seven hundred and sixty. Signed *David Russel* Subt.

II.

The King's most gracious Letter to the General Assembly, presented to them by his Majesty's Commissioner.

Edinburgh, May 15th, 1760, Sess. 1st.

Supra scribitur. GEORGE REX.

RIGHT Reverend and Well-beloved, We greet you well. The repeated Proofs We have had in former Assemblies of your Zeal for Religion and Piety, and of your Affection and Attachment to Our Person and Government, have determined Us to concur with Readiness in the present Meeting, and to countenance it with Our Royal Authority and Approbation. Entirely persuaded of the Continuance of the same good Principles and laudable Dispositions, We can with Satisfaction renew the Assurances of Our Resolution to maintain the Church of *Scotland*, as by Law established, in all its Rights and Privileges.

We have again made Choice of Our Trusty and Well-beloved *Charles* Lord *Catheart*, to represent Our Royal Person upon this Occasion; and We doubt not but that his experienced Abilities, Prudence and Fidelity, as well as his approved Zeal for the Church of *Scotland*, which Qualities have recommended him to Us, will also render him acceptable to you.

We have the utmoſt Confidence, that you will keep conſtantly in View, the great Object of your Meeting, the Advancement of Religion and Virtue: And ſo we bid you heartily Farewell.

Given at Our Court at *Kenſington*, the firſt Day of *May* 1760. in the 33d Year of Our Reign.

By His Majeſty's Command,

HOLDERNESSE.

III.

The General Aſſembly's Anſwer to the King's moſt gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, May 17th, 1760.

May it pleaſe Your Majeſty,

YOUR Majeſty's Moſt gracious Letter was received with that reſpectful Gratitude, which, as loyal Subjects, we owe to the beſt of Kings.

For the high Honour thereby conferred upon us, and by Your Majeſty's concurring in our preſent Meeting, and countenancing the ſame with Your Royal Authority and Approbation, we beg Leave to return our moſt ſincere and humble Thanks. The Notice, which in Your great Goodneſs Your Majeſty condeſcends to take, of the Zeal of this Church, manifeſted in former Aſſemblies, for the Intereſts of Religion and Piety, muſt excite us to embrace with Ardor every Opportunity of ſhewing that we are ſtill warmed and actuated by the ſame Spirit; as next to the Approbation of our heavenly Maſter, there is nothing we more highly prize than the Continuance of Your Royal Favour.

Duty and Intereſt concur in exciting us to maintain an inviolable Affection and Loyalty to Your Majeſty's Perſon and Government; and to propagate the ſame Spirit as far as our Example or Influence can extend, we are indiſpenſably bound by the ſtricteſt Ties of Gratitude.

Upon

Upon Your Majesty's most gracious Assurances of Your Resolution to maintain the Church of *Scotland*, as by Law established, in the Possession and full Enjoyment of all its Rights and Privileges, we rely with intire Confidence.

The approved Zeal of Lord *Cathcart* for Your Majesty's Service, his known Abilities for the Discharge of so high a Trust, his warm Affection and steady Attachment to the Interests of Religion and of this Church, make Your Majesty's repeated Choice of him to represent Your Royal Person in this Assembly most acceptable, and must be considered by all the Members of this Church as a fresh Instance of Your paternal Goodness.

The Assurance Your Majesty hath given of Your Royal Confidence in us, we esteem our most distinguished Honour; and by keeping steadily in View, as our great Object, the Advancement of Religion and Virtue, we hope to give your Majesty the most satisfying Proofs that this gracious Confidence is not misplaced.

The Grant of Your Royal Bounty for promoting Religion and Virtue in the less civilized Parts of our Country, we most thankfully acknowledge as a renewed Instance of Your gracious Concern for the highest Interests of Your Subjects; and it shall be our Care to direct the Application thereof in such Manner as may best promote the pious End for which it is conferred.

That the King of Kings may long preserve Your Majesty to be the Father of your People, the Guardian of our Rights, civil and religious, the Protector of the Liberties of Europe; that he may still continue to crown your Arms by Sea and Land with Victory; that he may abundantly bless his Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, the Princess Dowager of Wales, the Duke of Cumberland; and all the Branches of Your Royal Family; that one of Your Royal Progeny may ever sway the Sceptre over these Realms, and that after a long and glorious Reign on Earth, you may inherit an incorruptible Crown in Heaven, are the fervent Prayers of,

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this National Assembly of the Church of Scotland,

Edinr. May 17th, 1760.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment, by

ROBERT HAMILTON Moderator.

IV.

IV.

The General Aſſembly's Addreſs to the King, on Account of the ſignal Succeſſes of his Arms ſince the laſt General Aſſembly.

Edinburgh, May 21ſt 1760.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE, your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Miniſters and Elders of the Church of *Scotland*, met in a National Aſſembly, take this firſt Opportunity of approaching your ſacred Perſon, with our moſt humble and ſincere Congratulations, upon the ſignal and uninterupted Succeſs, with which, ſince our laſt Meeting, it hath pleaſed Almighty God to bleſs your Arms. All the Efforts of your Majeſty's Enemies have been diſconcerted or defeated; while every Battle fought by your Fleets and Armies, hath led to Victory, every Armament hath accompliſhed its Intention: and as the Operations of War have been more extenſive, they have likeways been more proſperous than thoſe any former Age can boaſt of. Theſe great Events we have obſerved with the utmoſt Gratitude to your Majeſty, under whoſe prudent and vigorous Adminiſtration we enjoy ſuch diſtinguiſhed Bleſſings: nor have we ceaſed continually to offer up our devout Acknowledgments to the Lord of Hoſts, from whom alone Strength and Wiſdom are derived, and who hath enabled us both to fight and to overcome.

But amidſt our Rejoicings for Victories obtained in every Part of the World, it was with the utmoſt Concern that we beheld the Approach of domeſtic Calamity, and were Witneſſes of the Alarm and Terror which the Invaſion, threatened and attempted by the *French* King, ſpread among the Inhabitants of this Part of the Iſland: Senſible, at that Juncture, both of the Danger to which they were expoſed, and of their Inability to exert themſelves in repelling your Majeſty's Enemies, with ſuch Vigour as their Principles of Religion and Loyalty would naturally have inſpired.

We have always reckoned it an important Part of our Duty to animate the People committed to our Care, with Zeal for the Proteſtant Religion, with Veneration for our happy Conſtitution,

ſtitution, and with Attachment to your Majeſty's Perſon and Family; nor have our unwearied Endeavours been unaccompanied with Succeſs: and it is with great Pleaſure we can aſſure your Majeſty, that the Wiſdom, Juſtice, and Lenity of your Majeſty's Adminiſtration, your paternal Attention to the Welfare of this Part of *Great Britain*, and your Magnanimity in repoſing Confidence, even in thoſe, who, from their former Conduct, could not hope for ſuch Marks of your Royal Favour, have operated with a moſt powerful and happy Influence, and have gone far towards overcoming antient and unreaſonable Prejudices. Our conſtant Intercourſe with the People under our Charge, gives us the beſt Acceſs to be acquainted with their Principles and Inclinations; and we think ourſelves called upon, by our Duty to your Majeſty, as well as in Juſtice to them, to aſſure your Majeſty, that the Members of this National Church (of whom the great Body of the People is compoſed,) have diſcovered ſuch Sentiments as become *Britiſh* Subjects, upon every Appearance of Danger, with which your Majeſty's Kingdoms and Government were threatened, that they would embrace, with Joy, every Opportunity of exerting themſelves in Defence of both, and would act with ſuch Spirit and Loyalty, as would render *Great Britain* ſtill more formidable to its Enemies, and add to its internal Strength and Security.

That Almighty God may long preſerve your Majeſty's important Life, that he may bleſs your Royal Family, that he may continue to go forth with your Fleets and Armies, and that, after bleſſing your Majeſty with Succeſs in War, he may enable you to put a Period to the Deſolation and Calamities of *Europe* by a laſting Peace, are the daily and fervent Prayers of,

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt faithful, moſt dutiful, and moſt loyal Subjects,

The Miniſters and Elders, met in this National Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland,

Signed in our Name, in our Preſence, and at our Appointment, by

ROBERT HAMILTON Moderator.

Edinburgh 21ſt *May* 1760.

V.

Commiſſion to ſome Miniſters and Ruling Elders for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*, and for managing his Majeſty's Royal Bounty for that End.

Edinburgh, May 26th 1760.

THE General Aſſembly do hereby nominate and appoint the Reverend Dr. *Robert Hamilton*, Profeſſor of Divinity in the Univerſity of *Edinburgh*, their Moderator, Mr. *John Gowdie* Principal of the College of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *James Muiriſon* Principal of the new College of *St. Andrews*, Mr. *Thomas Tullideph* Principal of the United Colleges of *St. Salvator* and *St. Leonard*, in the Univerſity of *St. Andrews*, Mr. *Neil Campbell* Principal of the College of *Glaſgow*, Dr. *Patrick Cumming* Profeſſor of Church Hiſtory in the Univerſity of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *Andrew Shaw* Profeſſor of Divinity in the new College of *St. Andrews*, Mr. *John Lumſden* Profeſſor of Divinity in the King's College of *Aberdeen*, Dr. *William Leechman* Profeſſor of Divinity in the College of *Glaſgow*, all the Miniſters Members of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *James Thomſon* at *Dumfermline*, Mr. *John Douglas* at *Jedburgh*, Mr. *Cornelius Lundie* at *Kelſo*, Mr. *John Melvill* at *Dunoon*, Mr. *James Lindſay* at *Strachur*, Mr. *Roger Moodie* at *Gartley*, Mr. *Robert Dalrymple* at *Dallas*, Mr. *John Moriſon* at *Petty*, Mr. *Hector Mac Phail* at *Culicudden*, Mr. *Andrew Gallie* at *Laggan*, Mr. *Angus MacNeil* at *South-Uiſt*, Mr. *Kenneth MacAulay* at *Harris*, Mr. *James Aliſon* at *Breſſay*, Mr. *James Hogg* at *Linlithgow*, Mr. *John Johnſton* at *Biggar*, Mr. *William Wallace* at *Drumelzier*, Mr. *George Shepherd* at *Newbottle*, Mr. *Andrew Dickſon* at *Aberlady*, Mr. *James Allan* at *Eymouth*, Mr. *James Brown* at *Melroſe*, Mr. *Alexander Orr* at *Hoddam*, Mr. *Gabriel Gulen* at *Dryſdale*, Mr. *William Moodie* at *Glencairn*, Mr. *Alexander Dick* at *Dalry*, Mr. *David Shaw* at *Colytoun*, Mr. *John Adam* at *Kilbride*, Mr. *John Witherſpoon* at *Paiſly*, Mr. *David Connel* at *Kilbride*, Mr. *James Stoddart* at *Kirkintulloch*, Mr. *Duncan MacFarlane* at *Drymen*, Mr. *William Campbell* at *Kilchrennan*, Mr. *John MacAulay* at *Liſmore*, Mr. *Patrick Simpſon* at *Clunie*, Mr. *John Bonar* at *Perth*, Mr. *Robert Menzies* at *Comrie*, Mr. *Andrew Turnbull* at *Kippen*, Mr.

George

George Willis at *Leslie*, Mr. *James Ballingall* at *Dundee*, Mr. *Thomas Hunter* at *Arbirlot*; Mr. *George Ogilvie* at *Premney*, Dr. *Robert Trail* at *Banff*, Mr. *David Blair* at *Brechin*, Mr. *James Turnbull* at *Linton*, Mr. *Alexander Carlisle* at *Inveresk*, Mr. *James Laurie* at *Hawick*, and Mr. *William Wilson* at *Coldstream*, Ministers, his Grace the Duke of *Argyle*, his Grace the Duke of *Athole*, the most honourable the Marquis of *Lothian*, the right honourable the Earl of *Marchmont*, the right honourable the Earl of *Dumfries*, the right honourable the Earl of *Leven*, the right honourable the Earl of *Breadalbine*, the right honourable the Lord *Somerville*, the right honourable the Earl of *Lauderdale*, the right honourable the Earl of *Roseberry*, the right honourable *Robert Dundas* of *Arniston*, his Majesty's Advocate, the right houourable the Lord Justice Clerk, *Alexander Fraser* of *Strichen*, Esq; *William Grant* of *Prestongrange*, Esq; *Robert Pringle* of *Edgefield*, Esq; *George Brown* of *Coalstoun*, Esq; *Alexander Boswell* of *Auchinleck*, Esq; *Andrew Pringle* of *Alemoor*, Esq; *Patrick Boyle* of *Shewalton*, Esq; seven of the Senators of the College of Justice, Mr. *Charles Hope-Vere* of *Craigiehall*, *John Maul* of *Inverkeillor*, Esq; one of the Barons of Exchequer, *George Drummond*, Esq; Lord Provost of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *Thomas Millar* Advocate his Majesty's Solicitor, Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, *Albert Monro* of *Coull*, Mr. *James Robertson* Professor of Oriental Languages in the College of *Edinburgh*, *Archibald Ingram* Merchant in *Glasgow*, *William Sands* Bookseller in *Edinburgh*, *John Paton* Bookseller there, Mr. *Francis Grant* Merchant there, Mr. *George Wallace* Advocate, Dr. *Matthew Stewart* Professor of Mathematics in the College of *Edinburgh*, Mr. *George Sinclair* of *Ulbster*, Mr. *Alexander Orr* Writer to the Signet, Mr. *John Craigie*, *Hector MacLean* of *Torloisk*, Dr. *Robert White* of *Bennochie*, Mr. *John Muir* Clerk to the Signet, *Alexander MacMillan* of *Dunmore*, Mr. *John Swinton* Advocate, Mr. *John Campbell* younger of *Stonefield* Advocate, Mr. *Gideon Shaw* of *Lauriston*; and *William Ross* Writer in *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elders, to be a Committee of this Assembly, for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands* of *Scotland*, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, suppressing Popery and Profaneness, and for managing the Royal Bounty given for these Ends, according to, and in Terms of his Majesty's Grant to this Assembly. In Prosecution of which Purposes, the Committee are to appoint Preachers and Catechists to go to such Places as they shall find, upon due Information, to be most proper, according to his Majesty's Design, expressed in his Warrant; and, in so doing, that they have particular Regard to such Parishes in *South-Uist*, *Small Isles*, *Glenco*, *Harris*, the Countries of *Moidart*, *Glengarie* and *Lochaber*,

Lochaber, and the other Pariſhes of the Synods of *Glenelg* and *Argyle*, which the Committee ſhall find, by Reaſon of their vaſt Extent, the Prevalency of Popery and Ignorance, and other unhappy Circumſtances, to be in the greateſt Diſtreſs: And they ſhall take Care, that the Perſons they employ be certified, and found, upon due Trial, to be properly qualified for theſe reſpective Offices, of good Abilities for the ſame, of a pious Life and Converſation, prudent, of undoubted Loyalty to his Majeſty, and of competent Skill in the Principles of Divinity, and particularly in Popiſh Controverſies: Such Preachers and Catechiſts being hereby appointed to be ſubject to, and under the Inſpection of the Presbyteries of the Bounds to which they are ſent, who are to take Care that the Orders of the Committee be duly obſerved by them: And the Preachers are alſo appointed to catechiſe, and both they and the Catechiſts to inſtruct the People from Houſe to Houſe, and to viſit the Sick; and in all their Labours among the People, to be careful to teach them the Principles and Duties of the true Chriſtian Proteſtant Religion, and the Obligations they are under to Duty and Loyalty to our Sovereign King *George*, and Obedience to the Laws: and the Committee are impowered to give them ſuch Inſtructions, as to their Work and Behaviour, as they ſhall judge meet: which Inſtructions the Preachers and Catechiſts are hereby ordered to obey. The General Aſſembly do further appoint the ſaid Committee to have a particular Regard, in their Proceedings, to the Regulations agreed upon by the Committee of the Aſſembly for managing the Royal Bounty, on the 30th Day of *September* 1730, approven by ſubſequent Aſſemblies; and to take Care that Presbyteries, and others concerned, obſerve the ſame, which they are hereby ordered to do; particularly the Aſſembly ordains the ſeveral Preſbyteries to inſert in their Regiſters the Committee's Appointments of the Deſignations, Salaries, and Stations of the ſeveral Miſſionaries, and to have an exact Regard thereto in all the Letters they ſhall write about the ſaid Miſſionaries, and in giving of Certificates to them; and to direct all their Letters, concerning Miſſionaries in their Bounds, only to the Moderator of the Committee; which Letters ſhall be ſigned, at the Appointment of the Presbytery, by the Moderator or Clerk thereof; and the Aſſembly does diſcharge any Payments to be made of the Salaries of Miſſionaries, except upon Receipts from the Miſſionaries themſelves, and upon Certificates from the Preſbyteries, bearing that they have ſerved for the Time mentioned in the Receipts. The General Aſſembly do alſo impower the ſaid Committee to apply, for the Purpoſes above mentioned, what may remain of the laſt Year's Royal Bounty not diſpoſed

posed of, by Reason of any of the Missionaries not fulfilling the Appointments laid upon them; and they are to keep a Register of their Proceedings, and likeways distinct Books of Accompts how the foresaid Money is bestowed, which shall be patent to any concerned, who please to inspect the same. Of the Persons above named as members of this Committee, five are declared to be a Quorum, whereof three are to be Ministers; But it is hereby appointed, that at the quarterly Meeting of the Committee, in which the Scheme or Establishment of Missionaries for the ensuing Year is to be approved and determined, not less than 14 shall be the Quorum, whereof nine shall be Ministers, and the said Committee are appointed to have their Meetings at *Edinburgh*, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Christian Knowledge, the last *Thursday* of every Month, at four of the Clock Afternoon, and also the first lawful Day after the Adjournment of the four stated Diets of the Commission of the General Assembly, at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, except that Day should fall to be *Saturday*, and then the Meeting shall be upon *Monday* next thereafter, at the said Hour; with Power to the said Committee to adjourn themselves to such Times and Places, as they shall find most needful and convenient; and they are to keep a Correspondence with the Commission of the General Assembly, and the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, and their Committee of Directors; and take their Advice and Assistance; and also to correspond with the Synods and Presbyteries concerned. They are likeways instructed and impowered, as they shall see Cause, to apply to the Government, or any Magistrate, for Assistance and Support in carrying on the Design of the Commission now given to them. And the General Assembly do, by these Presents, nominate and appoint Mr. *David Dalrymple* Advocate, Procurator for the Church, to be Receiver of the foresaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the same as he shall be directed and ordered by the said Committee, and according to their Rules. And the said Committee are appointed to examine the Accompts of the Distribution of the Royal Bounty, and lay the same before the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or the Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and to report their Diligence to the General Assembly, to whom they are to be accountable. And it is agreed, that no Person once employed and insert in the Scheme shall be struck out thereof for that Year, but by the *Quorum* of at least fourteen, whereof nine to be Ministers; and in Case any Complaint shall be made against any of them on the Scheme, it shall not be determined the first ordinary Meeting that the same is offered, but shall ly on the Table till another Meeting; and in

the mean Time, the Perſon complained of, and the Presbytery of the Bounds wherein he officiates, ſhall be acquainted of ſuch Complaint, and theſe concerned be required to ſend to the ſaid Committee a juſt Account of the Matter, againſt their next Meeting. And it is further appointed, that after the yearly Scheme of Miſſionaries on the Royal Bounty is ſett'ed, in Manner above directed, and Notice thereof given by Letters to the Presbyteries concerned, ſuch Presbyteries ſhall ſend up to the ſaid Committee their Anſwers to theſe Letters, at farthest, with their Commiſſioners to the General Aſſembly, if the ſame be not done ſooner; and that the Committee, at their firſt Meeting after the General Aſſembly, ſhall endeavour to compleat the next Year's Scheme themſelves; and if they cannot compleat it, that they ſhall name a Sub-committee of their Number for that Purpoſe, who are to lay their Draught thereof before a ſubſequent Meeting, which are appointed to meet as ſoon after the riſing of the Aſſembly as poſſible.

VI.

Commiſſion to ſome Miniſters and Ruling Elders, for diſcuſſing Affairs referred to them.

Edinburgh, 26th *May* 1760. *Seſſ. ult.*

THE General Aſſembly conſidering that there are divers Affairs which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commiſſionate, and appoint, the Reverend Dr. Robert Hamilton, Profeſſor of Divinity in the College of *Edinburgh*, their Moderator: And from the Presbytery of *Strathbogie*, Mr. Patrick Gordon at *Bellie*, Mr. Roger Moodie at *Gartly*, Miniſters, James Smith in *Craigiehead*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Aberlour*, Mr. John Touch at *Aberlour*, Mr. Thomas Johnſton at *Boharm*, Miniſters: From the Prebytery of *Abernethy*, Mr. Lewis Grant at *Duthil*, Mr. Patrick Grant at *Cromdale*, Miniſters; Captain Patrick Grant of *Rothiemurchus*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Elgin*, Mr. David Rentoul at *Elgin*, Mr. Thomas Gordon at *Speymouth*, Miniſters;

ſters; Bailie Robert Grant, Merchant in *Elgine*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Forres*, Mr. Robert Dalrymple at *Dollas*, Mr. Alexander Coullat *Edinkillie*, Miniſters; John Dunbar in *Balnageith*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Inverneſs*, Mr. John Grant at *Dores*, Mr. John Moriſon at *Petty*, Miniſters; Bailie James Fraſer at *Inverneſs* Ruling Elder; Burgh of *Inverneſs*, Hector Scot Merchant there: From the Presbytery of *Chanonry*, Mr. Hector MacPhail at *Culicudden*, Mr. Harry Gordon at *Arderſier*, Miniſters; Mr. James Robertſon Profeſſor of Oriental Languages in the College of *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Tain*, Mr. Donald Roſs at *Fearn*, Mr. George Balfour at *Tarbet*, Miniſters; Mr. David Roſs younger of *Inverchaſsley*, Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dingwal* Mr. Andrew Robertſon at *Killearn*, Mr. Colin MacKenzie at *Fodderty*, Miniſters; Mr. Albert Munro of *Coul*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Abertarph*, Mr. John Grant at *Urquhart*, Mr. Andrew Gallie at *Laggan*, Miniſters; Mr. Francis Grant Merchant in *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Skye*, Mr. John MacPherſon at *Slate*, Mr. William MacQueen at *Snizort*, Miniſters: From the Presbytery of *Lewis*, Mr. Normand Moriſon at *Uig*, Mr. John Clark at *Stornavoy*, Miniſters: From the Presbytery of *Uiſt*, Mr. Angus MacNeil at *South-Uiſt*, Mr. Kenneth MacKaulay at *Harris*, Miniſters; William Roſs Writer in *Edinburgh*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Gairloch*, Mr. James Robertſon at *Lochbroom*, Mr. Donald MacLeod at *Glenelg*, Miniſters, Mr. Robert MacIntoſh Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dornoch*, Mr. Martin MacPherſon at *Golſpie*, Mr. John Sutherland at *Dornoch*, Miniſters: From the Presbytery of *Tong*, Mr. Walter Roſs at *Tong*, Mr. John MacKay at *Edrachillis*, Miniſters; Captain George MacKay of *Skibo*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Caithneſs*, Mr. Alexander Oliphant at *Bowar*, Mr. John Sutherland at *Halkirk*, Miniſters; Mr. George Sinclair of *Ulbſter*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Kirkwall*, Mr. Hugh Mowat at *Evie*, Mr. John Yule at *Kirkwall*, Miniſters; Mr. Andrew Roſs Factor for the Earl of *Morton*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Cairſton*, Mr. Thomas Hepburn at *Birſay*, Mr. William Nisbet at *Firth*, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Earl of *Morton*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *North-Iſles*, Mr. John Scollay at *Croſs* and *Burneſs*, Mr. James Weir at *Rouſay*, Miniſters; Jerom Denniſon of *Noutland*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Zetland*, Mr. James Aliſon at *Breſſay*, Mr. William Mitchel at *Tingwal*, Miniſters; Sir Andrew Mitchel of *Weſtſhore*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, Mr. James

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Stevenſon at *Edinburgh*, Dr. Robert Wallace there, Dr. George Wiſhart there, Dr. George Kay there, Mr. John Warden at *Canongate*, Mr. Alexander Stewart at *South-Leith*, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Earl of *Roſeberrie*, Mr. Charles Hope-Vere of *Craigiehall*, and Bailie Gilbert Lawrie Ruling Elders: City of *Edinburgh*, George Drummond Eſq; preſent Lord Provoſt thereof, and Thomas Simſon Peutherer there: Univerſity of *Edinburgh*, Dr. Patrick Cuming one of the Miniſters of *Edinburgh*, and Profeſſor of Church Hiſtory in the ſaid Univerſity: from the Presbytery of *Linlithgow*, Mr. James Hogg at *Linlithgow*, Mr. Patrick Bailie at *Borrowſtounneſs*, Mr. John Gray at *Slamanan*, Mr. John Ritchie at *Abercorn*, Miniſters; Charles Addiſon Merchant in *Borrowſtounneſs*, and Bailie Robert Clark in *Linlithgow*, Ruling Elders: Burgh of *Linlithgow*, Mr. James Dundaſs of *Philipſtoun* Advocate: Burgh of *Queensferrie*, Bailie Archibald Stewart Brewer there: From the Presbytery of *Biggar*, Mr. John Johnſton at *Biggar*, Mr. William Tait at *Kilbucho*, Miniſters; John Mitchel in *Hartree-mill*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Peebles*, Mr. John Hay at *Peebles*, Mr. William Wallace at *Drumelzier*, Miniſters; Charles Hamilton of *Spittlehaugh* Eſq; Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dalkeith*, Mr. George Barclay at *Ormiſton*, Mr. Alexander Carlyle at *Inveresk*, Mr. William Gloag at *Cockpen*, Miniſters; Robert Dundas of *Arniſton* Eſq; his Majeſty's Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Haddington*, Mr. Andrew Dickſon at *Aberlady*, Mr. Archibald Blair at *Garvet*, Mr. Matthew Murray at *Northberwick*, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Lord *Coalſtoun* Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Haddington*, Robert Thomſon Eſq; preſent Provoſt thereof: Burgh of *Northberwick*, Sir George Suttie of *Balgon*: From the Presbytery of *Dunbar*, Mr. William Orr at *Spot*, Mr. Matthew Reid at *Preſton-Kirk*, Miniſters: Mr. James Hamilton Surgeon in *Dunbar*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Dunbar*, George Wilſon Merchant there: From the Presbytery of *Dunſe*, Mr. Adam Dickſon at *Dunſe*, Mr. Adam Murray at *Abbay St. Bathans*, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Earl of *Marchmont*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Chirnſide*, Mr. William Wilſon at *Coldſtream*, Mr. James Allan at *Eymouth*, Mr. Philip Ridpath at *Hutton*, Miniſters; Sir John Stewart of *Allanbank* Bart. Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Kelſo*, Mr. James Turnbull at *Linton*, Mr. Cornelius Lundie at *Kelſo*, Miniſters, Mr. George Wallace Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Jedburgh*, Mr. James Laurie at *Hawick*, Mr. John Douglas at *Jedburgh*, Mr. Alexander Ferrier at *Oxnam*, Miniſters; the Moſt Honourable the Marquis of *Lothian* Ruling

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ing Elder: From the Presbytery of *Erſiltoun*, Mr. William Gullan at *Legerwood*, Mr. James Foord at *Lauder*, Miniſters; John Murray of *Uplaw*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Lauder*, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Lauderdale*: From the Preſbytery of *Selkirk*, Mr. James Brown at *Melroſe*, Mr. Robert Gillon at *Leſſudean*, Miniſters, the Right Honourable the Lord *Alemoor*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Selkirk*, Mr. Gideon Shaw of *Lauriſton*: From the Presbytery of *Annan*, Mr. Alexander Orr at *Hoddam*, Mr. William Moncrief at *Annan*, Miniſters; Mr. Alexander Orr Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Annan*, John Johnſton of *Gutterbraes*, late Provoſt of *Annan*: From the Presbytery of *Langholm*, Mr. John Dickie at *Langholm*, Mr. Simon Haliburton at *Caſtletoun*, Miniſters; Mr. John Craigie, Chamberlain to the Duke of *Buccleuch*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Lochmaben*, Mr. Gabriel Gulan at *Dryſdale*, Mr. George Barclay at *Wamphry*, Mr. John Burges at *Kirkmichael*, Miniſters; Mr. William Johnſton Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Penpont*, Mr. Alexander Bayne at *Keir*, Mr. William Moodie at *Glencairn*, Miniſters; Mr. James Kirkpatrick Advocate, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Sanquhar*, the Right Hon. the Lord *Shewalton*: From the Presbytery of *Dumfries*, Mr. George Duncan at *Lochrutton*, Mr. Robert MacMorine at *Kerkpatrick-Durham*, Mr. William Clark at *Kirkguinzeon*, Miniſters; Mr. Andrew Crosbie Advocate, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Dumfries*, Bailie John Dickſon of *Conheath*: From the Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright*, Mr. Alexander Dick at *Dalry*, Mr. John Crockat at *Parton*, Mr. Robert Cowper at *Girton*, Miniſters; Nathaniel Lock in *Poundland*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Wigton*, Mr. John Hart at *Kirkinner*, Mr. William Boyd at *Penningham*, Miniſters; Mr. Alexander Agnew of *Dalreagle*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Wigton*, Mr. William Cochran Advocate: From the Presbytery of *Stranrawer*, Mr. Robert Finlay at *Inch*, Mr. James M'Culloch at *Kirkcolm*, Miniſters; Mr. John Hamilton of *Bargenie*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Air*, Mr. William Walker at *Monktoun*, Mr. David Shaw at *Coyltoun*, Mr. Patrick Wodrow at *Torbolton*, Dr. James Knight at *Maybole*, Mr. John Cunningham at *Dalmellington*, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Lord Auchinleck, and Mr. Thomas Miller Advocate, his Majeſty's Solicitor, Ruling Elders: Burgh of Air, Mr. John Muir Writer to the Signet: From the Presbytery of *Irvine*, Mr. James Leſlie at *Kilmarnock*, Mr. John Adam at *Kilbryde*, Mr. David macLellan at *Beith*, Miniſters; George Service Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Irvine*, Mr. William Wallace Advocate: From the Presbytery of *Paiſley*, Mr. Alexander Scot at *Innerkip*,

nerkip, Mr. John Witherſpoon at *Paiſley*, Mr. Archibald Smith at *Inchinnan*, Mr. Archibald Davidſon at *Abbay Pariſh* of *Paiſley*, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Lord *Preſtongrange*, and Mr. Archibald Campbell of *Elderſlie*, Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elders: Burgh of *Renfrew*, Provoſt William Somerville ſen. From the Presbytery of *Hamilton*, Patrick Maxwell at *Eaſt-Monkland*, Mr. James Frame at *Dalziel*, Mr. David Connel at *Kilbride*, Miniſters; Mr. John Wark of *Rinſe*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Lanerk*, Mr. Thomas Linning at *Leſmahagow*, Mr. James Porteous at *Wiſtoun*, Mr. William Miller at *Crawford-john*, Miniſters; Archibald Bertram of *Nisbet*, Eſq; Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Lanerk*, Mr. James Dewar younger of *Vogrie*, Advocate: From the Preſbytery of *Glaſgow*, Mr. John Gillies at *Glaſgow*, Mr. William Thom at *Govan*, Mr. James Stoddart at *Kirkintulloch*, Miniſters; Bailie Archibald Ingram Merchant in *Glaſgow*, Ruling Elder: City of *Glaſgow*, John Murdoch, Eſq; Merchant, and preſent Provoſt thereof: Univerſity of *Glaſgow*, Dr. William Leechman Profeſſor of Divinity therein: Burgh of *Rutherglen*, John Shaw Reſidenter in *Rutherglen*: From the Preſbytery of *Dumbarton*, Mr. Alexander MacFarlane at *Arrochar*, Mr. David MacGibbon at *Buchannan*, Mr. John Freebairn at *Dumbarton*, Miniſters; Sir James Colquhoun of *Luſs*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Dunoon*, Mr. James Lindſay at *Strachur*, Mr. John Melvil at *Dunoon*, Miniſters; Duncan Campbell, Eſq; of *Southhall*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Rothſay*, Mr. William Sands Bookſeller in *Edinburgh*: From the Preſbytery of *Kintyre*, Mr. Archibald MacNeil at *Kilchalmonel*, Mr. William Mowat at *Gigha*, Miniſters; Mr. Alexander MacMillan of *Dunmore*, Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Inveraray*, Mr. Robert Fullarton at *Glaſſry*, Mr. Archibald Campbell at *North Knapdale*, Miniſters; Archibald Campbell of *Knockbuie*, Eſq; Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Lorn*, Mr. William Campbell at *Kilchrennan*, Mr. Patrick Campbell at *Kilninver*, Miniſters; Mr. John Campbell younger of *Stonefield*, Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Mull*, Mr. Neil MacLeod at *Kilfinnichen*, Mr. Hector MacLean at *Coll*, Miniſters; Hector MacLean of *Torloisk*, Ruling Elder: From the Presbytery of *Dunkeld*, Mr. Patrick Simſon at *Clunie*, Mr. George Robertſon at *Auchtergaven*, Mr. James Smith at *Rattray*, Mr. James Stewart at *Dull*, Miniſters; his Grace the Duke of *Athol* and the Right Honourable the Earl of *Breadalbine*, Ruling Elders: From the Preſbytery of *Perth*, Mr. James Jobſon at *Errol*, Mr. David Beatſon at *Dumbarnie*, Mr. John Glen at *Forgandennie*, Mr. John Bonar at *Perth*, Miniſters; Mr. John Belſches of *Innermay*,

may, and Mr. John Swinton *junior*, Advocates: Burgh of *Perth*, John Robertſon of *Tullibelton:* From the Preſbytery of *Stirling*, Mr. James Fordice at *Alloa*, Mr. Lauchlan Taylor at *Lerbert*, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Lord Juſtice Clerk, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Auchterarder*, Mr. John Storer at *Foſſoway*, Mr. Robert Menzies at *Comrie*, Mr. Thomas Stewart at *Crieff*, Miniſters; Alexander Greig of *Brigland*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Dumblane*, Mr. Andrew Turnbull at *Kippin*, Mr. James Smith at *Kilmadock*, Miniſters; Stephen Petrie Surgeon in *Doun*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Dumfermline*, Mr. James Thomſon at *Dumfermline*, Mr. Andrew Richardſon at *Innerkeithing*, Mr. Alexander Moodie at *Culroſs*, Miniſters; Sir George Preſton of *Valleyfield*, Bart. Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Kirkcaldie*, Mr. John Pinkerton at *Markinch*, Mr. Neil Bethune at *Kennoway*, Mr. George Willis at *Leſlie*, Miniſters; David Watt in *Balbarton*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Kinghorn*, Dr. Robert White of *Bennochie:* Burgh of *Burntiſland*, Mr. Samuel Charters Town-clerk thereof: From the Preſbytery of *Coupar*, Mr. Hugh Glaſs at *Kettle*, Mr. Laurence Gilleſpie at *Auchtermuchty*, Mr. David Burn at *Moonzie*, Mr. Joſeph MacCormick at *Kilmenie*, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Earl of *Leven*, and Andrew Barclay of *Pitaop*, Ruling Elders: From the Preſbytery of *St. Andrews*, Mr. James Muiriſon Principal of the New College of *St. Andrews*, Mr. Patrick Glaſs at *Crail*, Mr. William Vilant at *Kings-barns*, Mr. John Mair at *Cameron*, Miniſters; Dr. Scott of *Cotts*, and Robert Meldrum in *Ardet*, Ruling Elders: Burgh of *Pittenweem*, Bailie Thomas Martin: From the Preſbytery of *Meigle*, Mr. William Arthur at *Glenyla*, Mr. James Spankie at *Coupar*, Mr. James Ogilvie at *Eſſie* and *Nevay*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery *Forfar*, Mr. John Young at *Inverarity*, Mr. Thomas Raiker at *Othlaw*, Miniſters; Mr. George Dempſter of *Dunichen* Advocate, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Dundee*, Mr. George Lyon at *Longforgan*, Mr. James Ballingall at *Dundee*, Mr. John Gibſon at *Mains*, Miniſters; Thomas Boyes of *Didhope*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Aberbrothwick*, Mr. William Dall at *Barrie*, Mr. Thomas Hunter at *Arbirlot*, Miniſters; John Maul of *Innerkeilor*, Eſq; one of the Barons of Exchequer, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Aberbrothwick*, Alexander Keith preſent Provoſt thereof: From the Preſbytery of *Brechin*, Mr. David Blair at *Brechin*, Mr. James Beattie at *Marytoun*, Mr. David Ferguſon at *Fernell*, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Earl of *Northeſk*, Ruling Elder: Burgh of *Brechin*, John Clark Merchant in *Brechin:* From the Preſbytery of *Fordoun*, Mr. Alexander Shank at *Arbuthnot*, Mr. Alexander

Alexander Forbes at *Fettereſſo*, Mr. Robert Allardice at *Glenbervie*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Aberdeen*, Mr. John Lumſden Profeſſor of Divinity in the King's College of *Aberdeen*, Mr. Thomas Forbes at *Aberdeen*, Mr. James Nicolſon at *Banchory-Devonick*, Mr. John Farquhar at *Nigg*, Miniſters; John Duncan, Eſq; preſent Provoſt of *Aberdeen*, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Kincardin Oniel*, Mr. Robert Michie at *Clunie*, Mr. Murdoch MacLennan at *Crathie*, Mr. Thomas Mitchel at *Tarland*, Miniſters; Sir Arthur Forbes of *Craigievar*, Bart. Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Alford*, Mr. James Lumſden at *Towie*, Mr. Patrick Thomſon at *Tough*, Mr. Alexander Johnſton at *Alford*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Ellon*, Mr. James Roſe at *Logiebuchan*, Mr. Andrew Moir at *Ellon*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Garioch*, Mr. Thomas Shepherd at *Bourty*, Mr. George Ogilvie at *Premnay*, Mr. Patrick Simſon at *Inverury*, Miniſters; Mr. David Dalrymple Advocate, Procurator for the Church, Ruling Elder: From the Preſbytery of *Deer*, Mr. William Taylor at *New-Deer*, Mr. James Walker at *Peterhead*, Mr. James Smith at *Strichen*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Turreff*, Mr. George Gordon at *Drumblade*, Mr. Alexander Orem at *Montwhiter*, Miniſters: From the Preſbytery of *Fordice*, Dr. Robert Trail at *Banff*, Mr. James Lawtie at *Fordice*, Miniſters; the Right Honourable the Lord *Edgefield*, Ruling Elder; with his Grace the Duke of *Argyle*, the Moſt Honourable the Marquis of *Lothian*, Sir Gilbert Elliot of *Minto*, and Alexander Fraſer of *Strichen*, Eſq; two of the Senators of the College of Juſtice, Ruling Elders: To be Commiſſioners of this General Aſſembly, to the Effects after-mentioned, with Power to the ſaid Commiſſioners or their Quorum, which is hereby declared to be any thirty-one of the ſaid Commiſſioners, whereof twenty-one are always to be Miniſters, to meet and conveen within the Aſſembly-houſe at *Edinburgh*, the firſt Day after the Diſſolution of this Aſſembly, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon; and thereafter the ſecond *Wedneſday* of *Auguſt*, third *Wedneſday* of *November*, and the firſt *Wedneſday* of *March* next to come, and oftner, when and where they ſhall think fit and convenient, with Power to the ſaid Commiſſioners to chuſe their own Moderator: And likeways, the General Aſſembly fully impowers their ſaid Commiſſioners, or their Quorum above-mentioned, to cognoſce and finally determine, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe, in every Matter referred, or that ſhall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Aſſembly, and to do every Thing contained in, and conform to the Inſtructions given, or to be given by this Aſſembly; and to advert to the Intereſt of the Church on every Occaſion, that the Church, and

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present Establishment thereof, do not suffer or sustain any Prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable: Providing always, that this general Clause be not extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of universal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church. And it is hereby appointed, that no private Processes be determined, except at the four stated Diets; and what shall be determined at one Diet of the Commission, with relation to private Causes, shall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in Force 'till disapproven by the General Assembly. And the General Assembly renews the Instructions given by the General Assembly in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventeen, to their Commission; and appoints the same to stand in full Force, as Instructions to the Commissioners before-named, and to be observed by them in all Points, as if the same were specially here insert; and that they enquire into the publishing and spreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions of whatever Kind, inconsistent with our *Confession of Faith*; and that the Recommenders of such Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ, or Print, be called before the said Commission to answer for the same. And further, the said Commission is hereby impowered to receive any References and Appeals that shall be made to them from Synods, in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen such Affairs for the General Assembly; and to contribute what they can to the suppressing of Vice and Immorality, and give all needful Advice and Assistance to Synods and Presbyteries, upon Application to them for that End: Likeways to take Care that the Impressions of the *Holy Scriptures*, the *Confession of Faith*, and *Catechisms*, and such Books as are authorised by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government thereof, be correct; and give Directions about printing the same. And the said Commission are appointed and impowered to keep a Correspondence with the Committee for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands*, for suppressing Popery and Superstition, and for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying on a Reformation in these Parts, and give Assistance and Concurrence therein; and, if Need be, to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy and speedy Redress. And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other Matters than what are committed and referred to them, as above-mentioned: And, in all their Actings, they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitution of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the same; declaring,

that in, and for all their Actings, they ſhall be accountable to, and cenſurable by the next General Aſſembly, as they ſhall ſee Cauſe. And this Commiſſion is to continue and endure until another Commiſſion be appointed; and Members are required to attend the Diets of the ſaid Commiſſion, and Abſents therefrom are ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act of the General Aſſembly held in the Year One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſix. And for the better ſecuring of a Quorum, and Attendance of Members on the Commiſſion, the General Aſſembly prohibits the Preſbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Preſbytery within twelve Miles thereof, to meet on any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meetings of this Commiſſion; and ſuch of the Members of theſe Preſbyteries as are on the Commiſſion, are required, all of them, to give Attendance on the Diets thereof; and the Preſbyteries at a greater Diſtance, who have four or more Members on the Commiſſion, are to take Care that at leaſt two of them attend each Diet of the ſame: And the Aſſembly appoint their Commiſſion, at their firſt Meeting, to diſcuſs as many of the Cauſes and Queſtions relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are or ſhall be referred to them by the Aſſembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, that when any Preſbytery or Synod of this Church ſhall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commiſſion, or to give the ſame a full Execution, in that Caſe the Commiſſion is hereby prohibited to execute the ſame, by appointing any ſuch Correſpondent Meetings, as has been ſometimes the Practice; but ſhall allow the ſame to ly over to the enſuing Aſſembly, to which ſuch Preſbyteries or Synods ſhall be anſwerable for ſuch their Conduct, and are hereby appointed to ſend up with their Commiſſioners their Reaſons for the ſame. And the Aſſembly doth further impower and direct the ſaid Commiſſion, to make due Application to the King and Parliament, for Redreſs of the Grievance of Patronage, in caſe a favourable Opportunity for ſo doing ſhall occur during the Subſiſtence of this Commiſſion. And the General Aſſembly do enjoin their Commiſſion, that in paſſing their Sentences, and in ordering the Execution of the ſame, they ſtrictly obſerve the 12th Act of the Aſſembly 1736.

VII.

Act appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.

Edinburgh, May 26th, 1760.

THE next General Assembly of this National Church, is appointed to be held in this Place, upon the third *Thursday* of *May* next, being the twenty-first Day of that Month, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and sixty-one.

Collected and extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, by

GEORGE WISHART, *Cls. Eccl. Scot.*

Overture of an Act, and Rules concerning the Election and Qualifications of Members of Assembly.

Edinburgh, May 20th, 1760. *Sess.* 5th.

THE General Assembly do again transmit to the Consideration of the several Presbyteries the Overture of an Act, and Rules concerning the Election, and Qualifications of Members of Assembly, transmitted by last General Assembly, that such Presbyteries as have not already sent up their Opinions, may transmit the same to the next General Assembly.

Overture

Overture for an Addition to be made to the 6th Act of the Assembly 1759, against Ministers making Agreements with their Heretors,

Edinburgh, May 20th, 1760. *Sess.* 5th.

THE General Assembly do again transmit to the Consideration of the several Presbyteries, the Overture transmitted by last Assembly, for an Addition to be made to the 6th Act of the Assembly 1759, against Ministers making Agreements with their Heretors, with this Addition, *That Manses shall be particularly mentioned as one of the Things about which Agreements shall not be made, but at the Sight, and with the Advice and Consent of the Presbytery of the Bounds*; and appoint that they send up their Opinion thereon to the next Assembly.

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The King's Commiſſion to *Charles* Lord *Cathcart*, to repreſent his majeſty's Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly, read and recorded. *Ibid.*

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The Commiſſioner's Speech at opening this Aſſembly, and the Moderator's Speech in Return thereto. *Ibid.*

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A Diet ſpent in Prayer. *May* 16th, *Seſſ.* 2*d.*

The Act 7th of the Aſſembly 1718, for the better Diſpatch of the Buſineſs of the Aſſembly, read, and the Obſervation thereof enjoined. *Ibid.*

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Miniſters named to preach before his Grace the King's Commiſſioner, and a Diſſent entered from the Nomination of one of the miniſters. *Ibid.*

The Draught of an Anſwer to the King's moſt gracious Letter, brought in and approven, and his Grace the Commiſſioner, at the Aſſembly's Requeſt, undertakes to tranſmit the ſame to his Majeſty. *May* 17th, *Seſſ.* 3.

Report of the Committee for reviſing Commiſſions, bearing, that the Commiſſion from the Presbytery of *Mull* contains no Certificate of the Miniſters being qualified in Terms of the Acts of Aſſembly, that the Certificate of the Elders being qualified is not conform to the Acts of Aſſembly, and that the Commiſſion from the Presbytery of *Dingwal* is dated the 24th of *April*, brought in and read, with the Opinion of the Committee for Overtures thereupon, and the ſaid two Commiſſions ſuſtained for this Time. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to reviſe the Regiſter of the Actings and Proceedings of the Commiſſion of the late General Aſſembly, audite the Procurator and Agent's Accompts, conſider the State of the public money, and prepare Overtures about the ſame. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to reviſe the Regiſter of the Committee named by laſt Aſſembly for managing the Royal Bounty for Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Iſlands*. *Ibid.*

Committees named to reviſe the Synod Books of *Merſe* and *Teviotdale* and *Galloway*. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Moray*, *Roſs*, *Glenelg*, *Sutherland*, and *Caithneſs*, *Orknay*, *Lothian* and *Tweedale*, *Dumfries*, *Glaſgow* and *Air*, *Argyle*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, *Fife*, *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Aberdeen*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland*, abſent, and reſolved, that the Reaſons thereof be enquired into. *Ibid.*

The Committee for Overtures appointed to receive in from the ſeveral Members any Inſtructions given to them by their reſpective Synods or Preſbyteries, claſs the Matters therein contained, and prepare Overtures thereupon to the Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

A Repreſentation by the Miniſters and Elders of the City of *Glaſgow* to the Preſbytery of *Glaſgow*, and the Preſbytery's Recommendation thereof to this Aſſembly, with a Petition for the Commiſſioners from the Preſbytery of *Dundee*, and one for the Inhabitants of *Borrowſtounneſs*, all complaining, that by the late Alteration of the Courſe of the Poſt, the Poſt comes into, and goes out from *Glaſgow*, *Dundee* and *Borrowſtounneſs*, upon the Lord's-Day, whereby the religious Obſervance of that Day is obſtructed, and by many turned

into a Day of worldly Buſineſs, brought in and referred to the Committee for Overtures, with any other Papers that may be given in on this Subject; and the Committee for Overtures appointed to receive an Account from the Members of the Committee named by laſt Aſſembly of what they have done in this Matter, and prepare an Overture upon the whole. *Ibid.*

All Petitions and Claims for any Share of the Public Money appointed to be given in to the Committee on the Commiſſion Book, that they may conſider the ſame, and prepare an Opinion thereon. *Ibid.*

A Petition for the Magiſtrates and Town Council of the Burgh of *Craill*, craving a general Collection may be made in all the Churches in *Scotland*, for repairing the Harbour of *Craill*, read, and the Conſideration thereof delayed till other Petitions of the ſame Nature be brought into the Aſſembly. *May* 19th, *Seſſ.* 4th.

A Petition and Complaint for *James* Earl of *Balcarras*, Patron of the Pariſh of *Kilconquhar*, and of the Heretors of that Pariſh, Callers of the Reverend Dr. *John Chalmers* Miniſter at *Elie*, his Lordſhip's Preſentee, to be Miniſter of *Kilconquhar*, againſt the Preſbytery of *St. Andrews*, for not obeying the Sentence of the Commiſſion in *November* laſt, ſuſtaining the Call to Dr. *Chalmers*, and appointing them to proceed without Delay towards his Tranſportation from the Pariſh of *Elie*, and his Settlement as Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Kilconquhar*, brought in, Parties heard upon the Commiſſion's having exceeded their Powers, the Commiſſion found not have exceeded their Powers; and the Call to Dr. *Chalmers* to be Miniſter of *Kilconquhar* being ſuſtained by a final Judgment of the Commiſſion, the remaining Part of the Cauſe delayed till To-morrow. *Ibid.*

Report Committee for Overtures, with reſpect to the two Overtures tranſmitted by laſt Aſſembly, brought in, and the ſaid Overtures again tranſmitted to the ſeveral Preſbyteries, with an Addition to the ſecond Overture. *May* 20th, *Seſſ.* 5th.

The Sum of 30*l.* ordered to be immediately paid to Mr. *Alexander MacLaggan* Miniſter of *Little Dunkeld*, to enable him to carry on a Proceſs for an Augmentation to his Stipend. *Ibid.*

A Committe named to prepare the Draught of an Addreſs to his Majeſty upon the many ſignal Succeſſes of his Arms ſince laſt General Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

The Cauſe concerning the Settlement of the Pariſh of *Kilconquhar*, brought in, the Reverend Dr. *John Chalmers* tranſported

ported from the Parish of *Elie* to the Parish of *Kilconquhar*, the Presbytery of *St. Andrews* appointed to admit him Minister of that Parish betwixt and the 1st of *August* next, and a Dissent entered from the Sentence transporting him. *Ibid.*

A Representation by the Presbytery of *Aberlour* to the Synod of *Moray*, and the Synod's Recommendation thereof to the Assembly, containing a State of the Country of *Glenlivet*, where there are many Papists, and praying, if new Erections can be obtained, the first may be at *Glenlivet*, read and referred to the Committee for Overtures, that they may prepare an Overture thereon. *May* 21st, *Sess.* 6th.

A Petition from the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, anent the Inconveniencies that had arisen since the Alteration of the Stile, from the Uncertainty of the Time of Payment of Ministers Stipends, read, and referred to the Committee for Overtures, that they may prepare an Overture thereon. *Ibid.*

A Representation by Mr. *Charles Beatty* Minister of *Neshaminy* in the Province of *Pensylvania*, with a Representation by the Corporation for the Relief of distressed Presbyterian Ministers, their Widows and Orphans, in the Province of *Pensylvania*, *Newcastle*, *Kent* and *Sussessan Delaware*, praying a National Collection may be made by this Church, for the Relief of the Ministers in that Colony and their Families, read, and a Committee named to consider the same, with a Petition given in to last Assembly, and delayed till this Assembly, for a Collection for the Citizens of *Custrin*, with the Petition given in to this Assembly for a Collection for the Harbour of *Crail*, that they may prepare an Opinion thereon to the Assembly. *Ibid.*

The Draught of an Address to his Majesty, brought in and approven. *Ibid.*

An Appeal by the Provost, Magistrates, and Counsellors of the Burgh of *Stirling*, Callers of Mr. *David Plenderleath* to be second Minister of that Town, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Perth* and *Stirling*, reversing a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Stirling*, whereby the Presbytery sustained a Call to Mr. *Plenderleath*, and sustaining a Call by others of the said Town and Parish to Mr. *John Muschet* Probationer to be their second Minister, heard; the Sentence of the Synod of *Perth* and *Stirling*, sustaining, and concurring with the Call to Mr. *Muschet* to be second Minister of the Town and Parish of *Stirling*, affirmed; the Presbytery of *Stirling* appointed to proceed to his Trials and Settlement as second Minister of that Town, with all convenient Speed, according to the Rules of this Church, and the Commission

impowered to take in, cognoſce, and finally determine in any Reference or Appeal that ſhall regularly be brought before them anent the ſaid Settlement. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Viſitors of the Commiſſion Book brought in and read, the Commiſſion's Conduct approved of, the Aſſembly's Thanks given from the Chair to the Moderator of the Commiſſion, for their Care and Diligence in the Affairs committed to them, and their Book ordered to be atteſted. *May* 22d, *Seſſ.* 7th.

The Report of the Committee named by laſt Aſſembly to prepare an Overture anent the Time that Students ſhall attend the Colleges of Philoſophy and Divinity, in order to their being admitted to Trials for being licenſed as Probationers, called for, the ſaid Overture produced and read, and referred to the Committee for Overtures, that they may prepare an Opinion thereon, to be given in to the Aſſembly on *Saturday* next. *Ibid.*

The following Affairs depending before the laſt Commiſſion, and not determined by them, are referred to the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly, *viz.*---To prepare an Overture anent the Right and Power of ordained Aſſiſtants and Succeſſors to old and infirm Miniſters.---To prepare an Overture anent repealing the 13th Act of the Aſſembly 1732, ſo far as to make it lawful for Preſbyteries, not only to take Trials and ſerve the Edict, but to proceed to the Ordination or Admiſſion, notwithſtanding of any Appeal to the contrary, in ſuch Caſes only where the Oppoſition is ſmall.---An Overture anent the Execution of Sentences of the ſupreme Courts.---To draw Rules ſtating the Method of Procedure in Cauſes before the Aſſembly.---To conſider the Power of Kirk-Seſſions in the Management of the Poor's Money.---To conſider a Reference from the Synod of *Glaſgow* and *Ayr*, anent the Seſſion of *Cambuſlang*. *Ibid.*

The Accompts of the Procurator and Agent for the Church, with the Report of the Committee on the public Accompts thereon, brought in, and ordered to lye on the Table till another Diet. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for examining the public Accompts brought in; and the following Sums appointed to be paid to the Perſons after named, upon their Receipts, to enable them to carry on the different Proceſſes preſently depending at their Inſtances, *viz.* To Mr. *Donald MacLeod* Miniſter at *Glenelg*, 15*l. Sterling*; to Mr. *George Blair* Miniſter at *Edzel*, 10*l.* to Mr. *John Storer* Miniſter at *Foſſoway*, 10*l.* to Mr. *James Brodie* Miniſter at *Canasby*, 10*l.* to each of the two Commiſſioners from the Presbytery of *Zetland*, for their Attendance on this Aſſembly, 5*l. Sterling*. *Ibid.*

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The Sum of 30*l.* *Sterling* ordered to be paid to the Presbytery of *Kelso*, towards defraying the Expence laid out by them anent the building of the Kirk and Manse of *Ednam*. *Ibid.*

The Procurator and Agent for the Church appointed at the public Charge to defend the Minister of *Walls*, in a Process against him, at the Instance of Mr. *Moodie* of *Melsetter*, who claims Right to a Part of the Minister's Glebe, and a Sum not exceeding 20*l.* *Sterling* allowed for carrying on that Process. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Trustees of the Fund for a Provision to Ministers Widows, &c. given in, and ordered to lie on the Table till another Diet. *Ibid.*

All Applications, in Time coming, for a Share of the public Money, for carrying on Processes, appointed first to be laid before the Procurator, with some other Gentlemen of the Law, and some Ministers, to be considered by them, and they to report their signed Opinion thereon; and along with their Report, a State of the public Money is appointed to be laid before the Assembly. *Ibid.*

A Petition by the Ministers and Kirk-Session of *Dundee*, reciting certain Grievances they labour under, and Obstructions they meet with in the Exercise of their Office, from the Provost and Magistrates of *Dundee*, read, and a Committee appointed to consider the same, and prepare an Opinion thereon. *Ibid.*

An Appeal by the Right Honourable *John* Earl of *Dunmore*, Patron of the Parish of *Logie*, *George Ross*, Esq; his Lordship's acting Trustee, and the Heretors. and others concurring with his Presentation in Favour of Mr. *James Wright* Probationer, to be Minister of the Parish of *Logie*, from a Sentence of the Presbytery of *Dumblane*, finding, that the Validity of the Presentation granted by Mr. *Ross*, in favour of Mr. *Wright*, was not sufficiently instructed, as it appeared to them, and therefore that they were at Liberty to proceed to the Settlement of the said Parish, according to the Rules of the Church, heard, the foresaid Sentence of the Presbytery reversed, the Presentation in favour of Mr. *Wright* sustained; the Presbytery of *Dumblane* appointed to proceed to the Moderation of a Call to him alone to be Minister of the Parish of *Logie*, and to go on with his Trials and Settlement as Minister of that Parish, with all convenient Speed, according to the Rules of this Church; and the Commission impowered to take in, cognosce, and finally determine in any Reference or Appeal that shall regularly be brought before them relating to the said Settlement. *Ibid.*

The Sum of 15 *l. Sterling* ordered to be paid to Mr. *James Nicolſon*, Miniſter of *Banchory*, for defraying the Expence of a Proceſs at his Inſtance, for an Augmentation to his Stipend. *May* 23d, *Seſſ.* 8th.

The Members of the ſeveral Synods appointed to meet among themſelves, in order to bring in a Liſt of the Nominators of the Commiſſion, according to the 6th Act of Aſſembly 1705. *Ibid.*

Petition for Mr. *Harry Gordon* Miniſter at *Arderſier*, ſetting furth the Smallneſs of his Stipend, being only, at the common Converſion, 500 Merks, which exhauſts the free Teinds of the Pariſh, by Reaſon of the building of *Fort George*, which has taken up more than one Third of the Lands, and therefore praying the Aſſembly's Recommendation to the Managers of the Royal Bounty for an Addition to his Living, read, and remitted to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty, with an Inſtruction that they give him 25 *l. Sterling* for this Year. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee named to conſider the Petition for the Miniſters and Kirk-ſeſſion of *Dundee*, containing their Opinion that the Caſe is of a very extraordinary Nature, deſerves the particular Attention of the General Aſſembly, and is of univerſal Concern to the Church, given in, and the Procurator and Agent for the Church, appointed to appear for the Intereſt of the Church in the Proceſſes commenced by the Petitioners before the Court of Seſſion, in Support of their Rights, for Reparation of the Injuries done them, and for the Intereſt of the Poor. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for Overtures on the Petition for the Synod of *Lothian* and *Tweedale* remitted to them, brought in, and the ſaid Petition remitted to the Synod, with this Inſtruction, that as they have not condeſcended upon any Miniſter who is preſently in Danger of being put to Expence on Account of the Uncertainty ariſing from the Alteration of the Style, that when any Inſtance of this does occur, Notice be immediately given to the Procurator and Agent for the Church, who thereupon are appointed to carry on the proper Proceſs upon the public Funds, that a Matter of ſo great Conſequence to the Miniſters of this Church may receive a Deciſion of the Lords of Seſſion, and that Point aſcertained in all Time coming. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for Overtures, with reſpect to the Repreſentation from the Presbytery of *Aberlour*, and Synod of *Moray*, for a new Erection in *Glenlivet*, brought in, and it is recommended to the Managers of the Royal Bounty to give Attention to the Caſe of *Glenlivet*. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee named to conſider the Appilcations made to this Aſſembly for Collections for repairing the Harbour of *Crail*, and for Relief of the Presbyterian Miniſters in *Penſylvania*, brought in, containing their Opinion, that the Deſire of the Petition for the Magiſtrates and Council of *Crail* ſhould be granted, upon this Condition, that they report to the Aſſembly 1763, what Money they have received, and how it hath been expended. That the Deſire of the Petition for the Miniſters in *Penſylvania* ſhould be alſo granted, the Money to be applied for the Support and Relief of ſuch Miniſters as are, or may hereafter be called to preach the Goſpel among the *Indians*, or to ſuch Congregations as cannot afford them ſufficient Maintenance, the ſaid Opinion approven of, and a Committee named to prepare the Draughts of two Acts for Collections to be made in all the Churches of *Scotland* for the Purpoſes above mentioned. *Ibid.*

The Precentors in *Dundee* enjoined to obſerve the 5th Act of the Aſſembly 1699, anent the Proclamation of Banns for Marriage. *May* 24th *Seſſ.* 9.

The Report of a Sub-committee named by the Committee of Overtures for conſidering the Petitions relating to the Poſt, bearing their having fallen upon a Plan, ſo far as concerns *Glaſgow* and *Paiſley*, which gave Satisfaction to the Gentlemen from theſe Places, and their Conſtituents, brought in and approven, and a Committee named to conſider how far Relief can be given to other Towns that complain of the Poſts coming in to them, and going out on the Lord's Day, and to take all proper Meaſures accordingly. *Ibid.*

A Motion made that the Aſſembly ſhould at this Time emit a Warning againſt profaning the Lord's Day, and other Immoralities, and that the Warning ſhould be printed and read from the Pulpits; and the Aſſembly found, that at this Time it is not expedient to emit the Warning propoſed. *Ibid.*

A Liſt of the Members from the ſeveral Synods brought in, and appointed as a Committee to name the Members of the Commiſſion of this Aſſembly, and prepare Inſtructions to them. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion to conſider the Overture anent Students in Divinity, prepared by the Committee, named for that Purpoſe by the laſt Aſſembly, and ripen the ſame further for the next General Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

The Appointment on the Committee named by laſt Aſſembly, to take proper Meaſures for relieving Miniſters of the Window Tax renewed with the Powers formerly granted to them. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion to give Advice to the Presbytery of *St. Andrews*, concerning Mr. *Daniel MacIntyre*, charged with being guilty of Adultery, but has left this Country and gone to *London*. *Ibid.*

Report Viſitors of the Regiſters of the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty brought in, the Committee's Conduct approven of, the Students of Divinity employed on the Royal bounty appointed to produce Certificates from the Preſbytery of the Bounds wherein they officiate, as well as from the Miniſter of the Pariſh, and the Regiſter ordered to be atteſted. *May* 26th, *Seſſ. ult.*

The Draught of a Commiſſion and Inſtructions to the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty this Year, brought in and approven. *Ibid.*

A Repreſentation by the Committee named by laſt Aſſembly for managing the Royal Bounty, bearing the Neceſſity of the Aſſembly's appointing proper Perſons for viſiting the Places where Miſſionaries are employed, and where it will be moſt proper to employ them, brought in and read, the Reverend Mr. *John Hyndman*, one of the Miniſters of *Weſt-Kirk*, and the Reverend Dr. *Robert Dick*, one of the Miniſters of *Edinburgh*, named as Commiſſioners for that Purpoſe, with Power to them to chuſe one or more Miniſters well acquainted with the *Highlands*, to go along with them, ſuch Choice being always approven of by the Committee for managing the Royal Bounty, the ſaid Committee appointed to draw up Inſtructions to the Commiſſioners to be obſerved by them in their Viſitation, the Presbytery of *Edinburgh* and other Presbyteries concerned appointed to ſupply the Charges of the Miniſters employed in this Viſitation during their Abſence, and a Sum not exceeding 200 *l. Sterling* ordered to be paid to the ſaids Commiſſioners, for defraying the Expence of the Viſitation. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee named by laſt Aſſembly, to prepare a Memorial to be laid before this Aſſembly, anent applying the Royal Bounty towards new Erections, as well as maintaining Preachers and Catechiſts, containing a Propoſal that Application ſhould be made for having the Royal Grant conceived, ſo as to authoriſe the Application of the Money to be towards *erecting and endowing new Pariſhes, or building and endowing Chappels of Eaſe in large and extenſive Pariſhes*, given in and read, with a Memorial containing the Reaſons for making the propoſed Alteration on the Royal Grant, the ſaid Propoſal approved of, and his Grace the King's Commiſſioner, at the Aſſembly's Requeſt, promiſed to uſe his Endeavours for furthering the Deſign, as ſoon as he

he was furniſhed with proper Materials for the Purpoſe by the Committee for managing his Majeſty's Bounty. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Committee for naming the Members of the Commiſſion, and drawing Inſtructions to them, brought in and approven. *Ibid.*

The Report of the Truſtees for managing the Fund for a Proviſion to Miniſters Widows, *&c.* containing a State of the Fund under their Management, and an Accompt of their Proceedings ſince laſt Aſſembly reproduced, and ordered to be recorded in the ſeparate Regiſter kept for that Purpoſe. *Ibid.*

Act approving of Mr. *David Dalrymple*, Advocate, Procurator for the Church, his Intromiſſions with his Majeſty's Allowance for defraying the public Charges of the Church for *Lady-day*, *Midſummer*, *Michaelmas*, and *Chriſtmas*, 1759, and appointing that the Balance of 74*l.* 1*s.* ½*d. Sterl.* in his Hands, be charged in his next Accompt. *Ibid.*

Act approving of the Accompt of *James Edmonſtone*, Agent for the Church, and Sub-clerk to the General Aſſembly, and appointing that he have Credit in his next Accompt, for a Balance of 2*l.* 16*s.* 10*d. Sterl.* due to him. *Ibid.*

The Draught of an Act for a Collection for repairing the Harbour of *Crail*, brought in and approven. *Ibid.*

The Draught for an Act for a Collection for Relief of the poor and diſtreſſed Presbyterian Miniſters in the Province of *Penſylvania*, brought in and approven. *Ibid.*

Reference to the Commiſſion to cognoſce and finally determine in an Appeal of *Eliſabeth Williamſon*, in the South Pariſh of *Glaſgow*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Glaſgow* and *Air*, whereby they diſmiſſed her Appeal from the Presbytery of *Glaſgow*, delaying the Conſideration of a Proceſs againſt her for Uncleanneſs, with a Reference of the Cauſe by the Presbytery to this Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

An Appeal of *Thomas Kennedy* in *Greenhill*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Dumfries*, finding ſufficient Evidence of a clandeſtine Marriage betwixt him and *Mary Blackſtock*, Servant in *Greenhill*, is referred to the Commiſſion, with Power to them to cognoſce, and finally determine therein, as they ſee Cauſe. *Ibid.*

An Appeal of *James Laurie* in *Duglie*, from a Sentence of the Synod of *Perth* and *Stirling*, finding it improper to allow him to take the Oath of Purgation, is referred to the Commiſſion, with Power to them to determine therein as they ſee Cauſe. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Galloway*, and *Merſe* and *Tweedale* atteſted. *Ibid.*

The Synod Books of *Moray*, *Roſs*, *Glenelg*, *Sutherland* and *Caithneſs*, *Orknay*, *Lothian* and *Tweedale*, *Dumfries*, *Glaſgow* and *Air*, *Argyle*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, *Fife*, *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Aberdeen*, and Presbytery Book of *Zetland*, abſent, and ordered to be brought up to be reviſed by the next Aſſembly. *Ibid.*

Proteſtation admitted at the Inſtance of the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*, againſt *John Willock*, one of the Elders of the Pariſh of *Laurencekirk*, for not inſiſting in an Appeal taken by him from a Sentence of the ſaid Synod, ſuſtaining a Call to Mr. *David Forbes* to be Miniſter of *Laurencekirk*. *Ibid.*

Liſt of Probationers in the Bounds of 23 Presbyteries, amounting to 67, produced and ordered to be recorded *Ibid.*

The ſeveral Presbyteries deſired in Time coming to be more careful in ſending up their Commiſſions, with a Liſt of Probationers on the Back, as directed by the Acts of Aſſembly, and Letters appointed to be ſent to them for that Purpoſe. *Ibid.*

The Minutes of this Sederunt read, thoſe of former Sederunts having been read at the Diets ſubſequent to each Sederunt. *Ibid.*

A Committee named to reviſe the Minutes of this Aſſembly's Proceedings, at this and all the other Diets thereof, and to pitch upon ſuch of the Acts of this Aſſembly as are to be ſtanding Rules, or are of public Uſe, in order to their being printed. *Ibid.*

The Moderator's Speech to the Aſſembly, and to his Majeſty's Commiſſioner. *Ibid.*

The Lord Commiſſioner's Speech in Return thereto. *Ibid.*

Act appointing the Diet of next General Aſſembly, and then the Aſſembly concluded. *Ibid.*

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